

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN, TD  
SUBJECT: EXIM ACTION ON STEEL PROJECT

REF: STATE 252629; PORT OF SPAIN 3153

1. WE BELIEVE GOTT HAS POLITICALLY COMMITTED ITSELF ON STEEL MILL, AND SIGNIFICANT DELAYS IN ITS DEVELOPMENT HIGHLY UNLIKELY. SOME CONTRACTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SIGNED, AND PROGRESS PAYMENT ON MIDREX PLANT HAVE BEEN MADE. BOTH JAPANESE AND BRITISH HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE EXPORT CREDIT FINANCING AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY REIABLE SOURCES THAT THEIR TERMS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO GOTT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES ARE TECHNICALLY LESS DESIRABLE THAN COMPLETE U.S.-SUPPLIED PLANT WHICH GOTT HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED TO INSTALL, BUT NEVERTHELESS ARE FEASIBLE.

2. ON OCTOBER 17, PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS INAUGURATED FIRST STAGE OF THE LANDFILL OPERATION, WHICH HAS BEEN CONTRACTED OUT TO FUJICO OF JAPAN. IN HIS ADDRESS ON THAT OCCASION, HE TOOK HIS CUSTOMARY TRIP BACK TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE 18TH CENTURY, WHEN THE BRITISH COLONIES WERE PROHIBITED FROM REFINING THE SUGAR WHICH THEY EXPORTED BECAUSE THAT ACTIVITY PROVIDED JOBS FOR WORKERS IN BRITAIN. HE HERALDED THE STEEL MILL AS A SYMBOL OF TRINIDAD'S ENTRY INTO THE WORLD OF BASIC MANUFACTURING AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THE EMOTIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THE STEEL MILL TO THIS FORMER COLONY

SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED.

3. IN SHORT, WHILE WE HAVE KEPT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS  
IN GOTT INFORMED OF DIFFICULTIES WITHIN U.S. STEEL  
INDUSTRY, THE POINT LISAS PROJECT HAS BEEN LONG  
REGARDED HERE AS THE CENTERPIECE  
OF A SHOWCASE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THERE IS  
NO LIKELIHOOD THAT THE GOTT WILL BE DETERRED IN  
PROCEEDING AS PLANNED.  
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